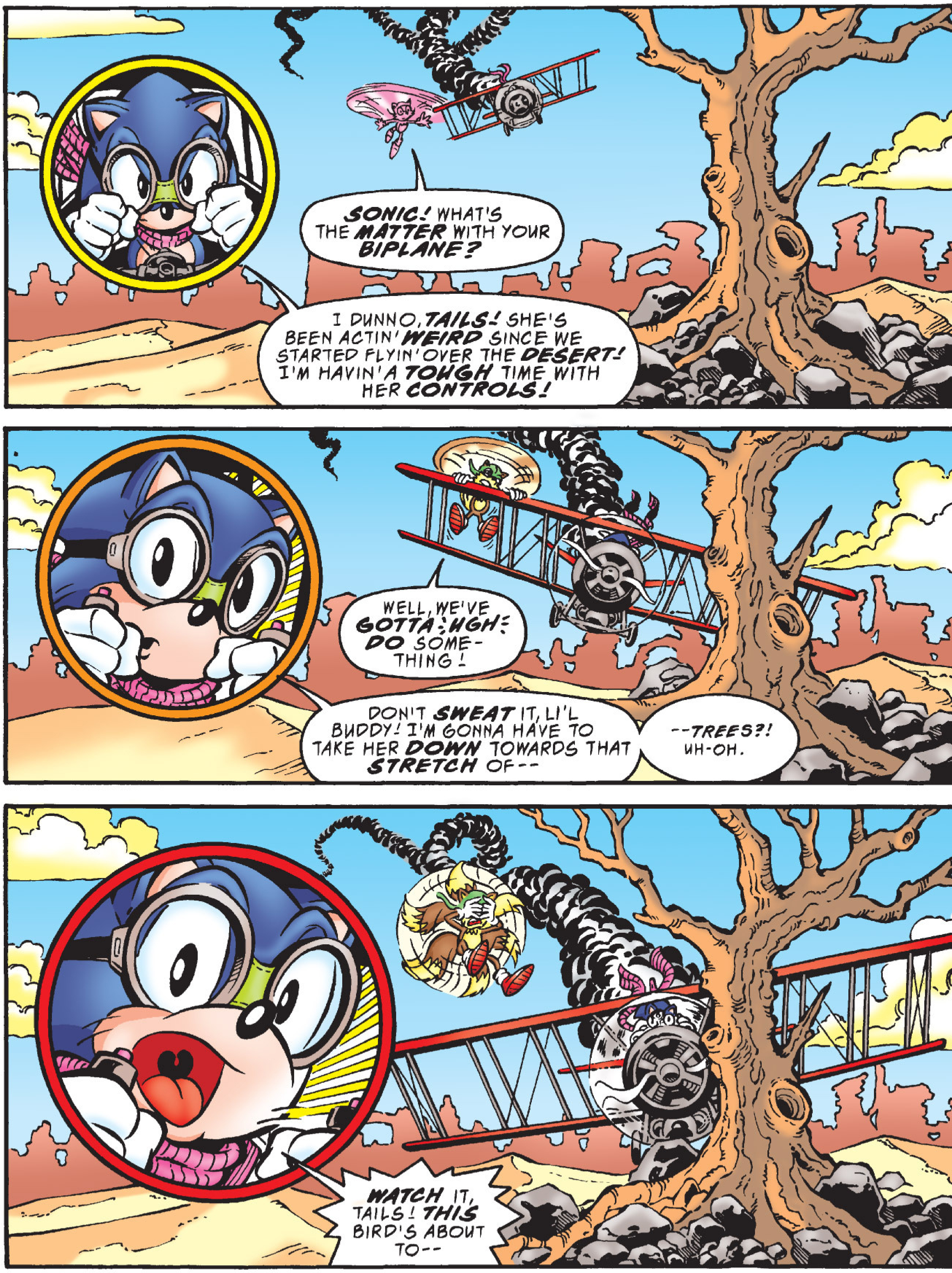
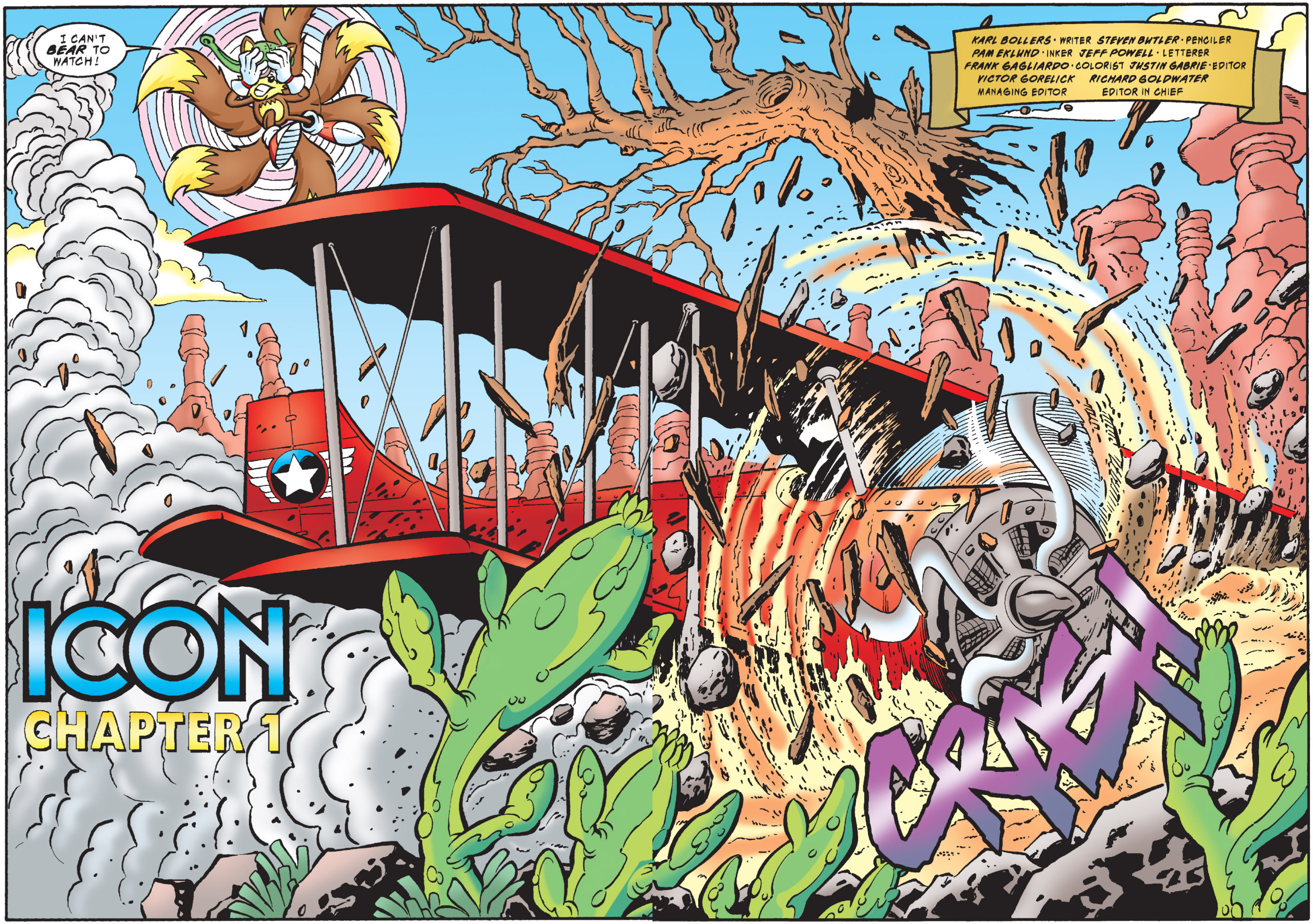
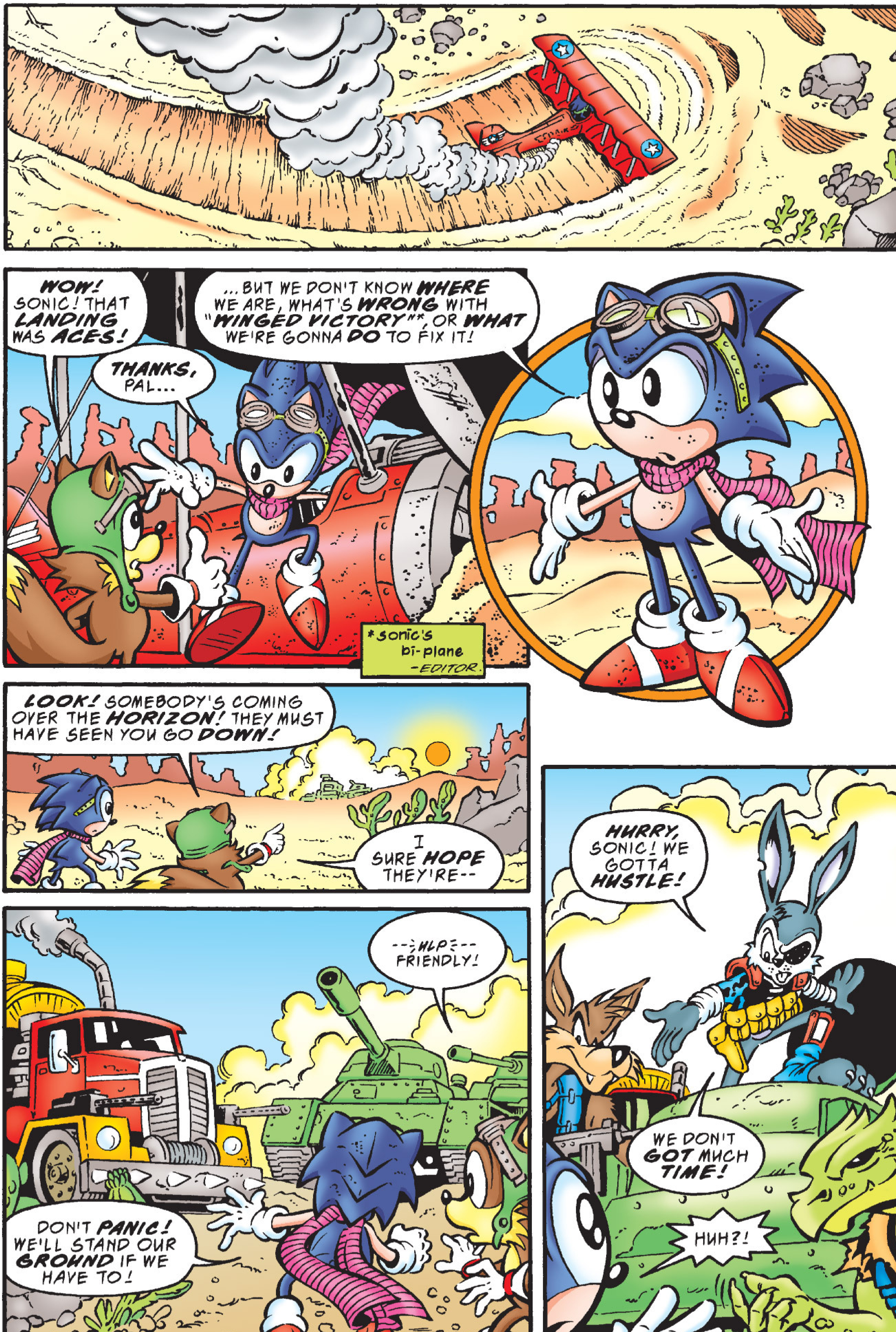

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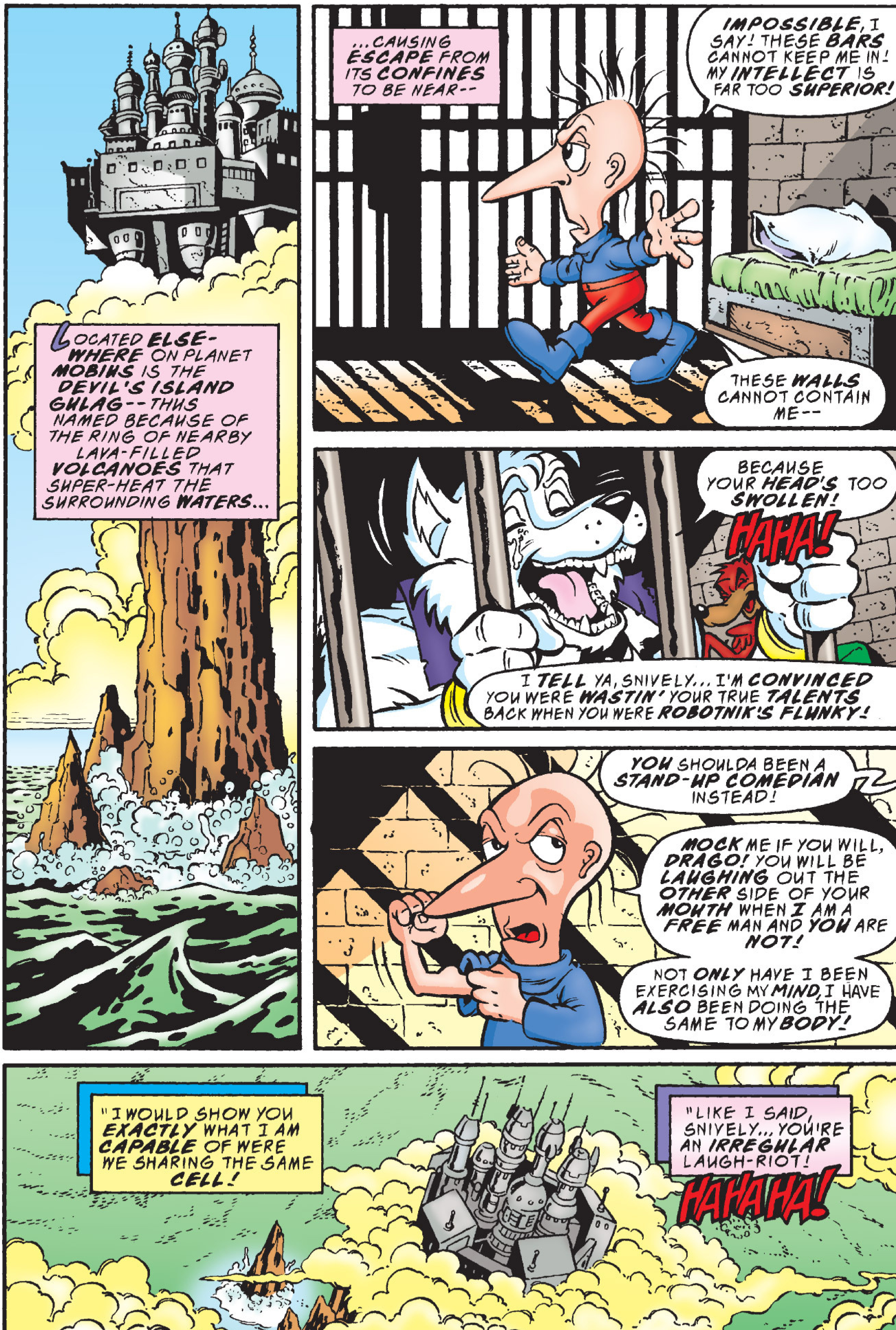
THE PLANET MOBIUS WAS ONCE A VIRTUAL PARADISE UNTIL IT WAS CONQUERED BY THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK! HIS TECHNOLOGICAL TYRANNY WOULD HAVE CONTINUED IF NOT FOR AN HEROIC GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS WHO BANDED TOGETHER AND RESTORED ORDER TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN! THE BRAVEST AMONG THEM IS A BLUE STREAK FILLED WITH THE MOST ATTITUDE GOING AROUND - - AND, WITHOUT A DOUBT, HE IS THE FASTEST THING ALIVE!

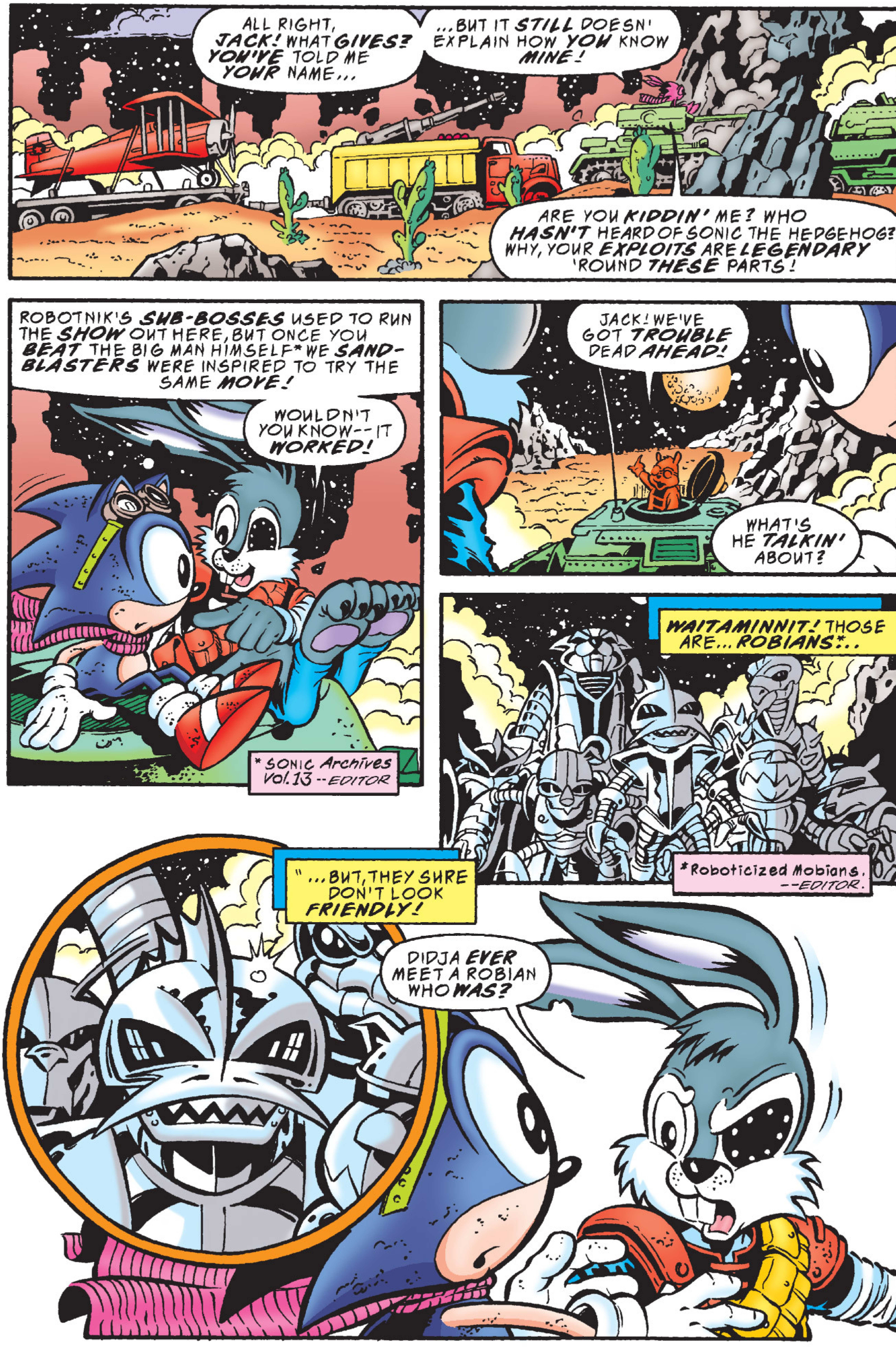
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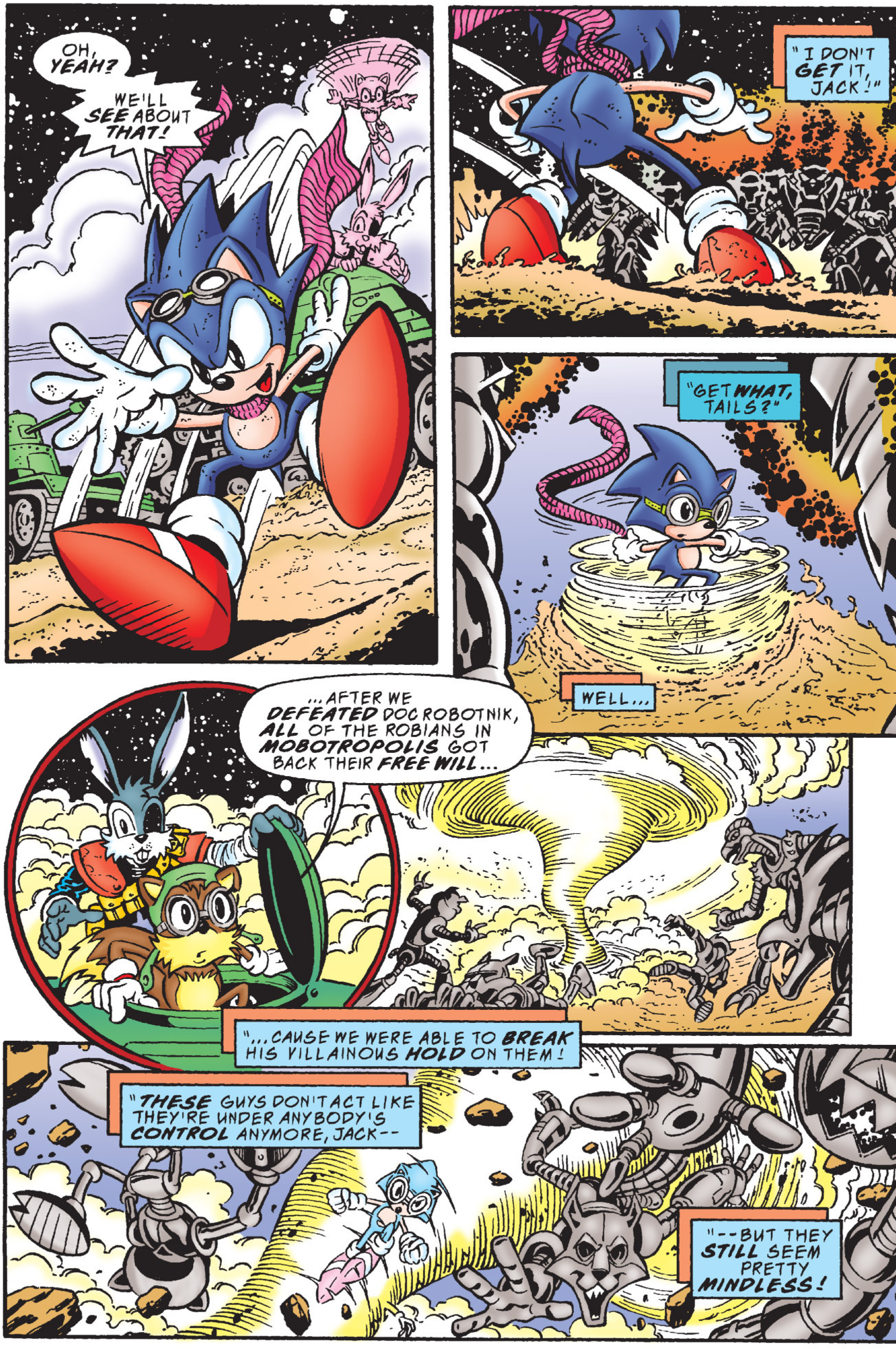

I CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH!
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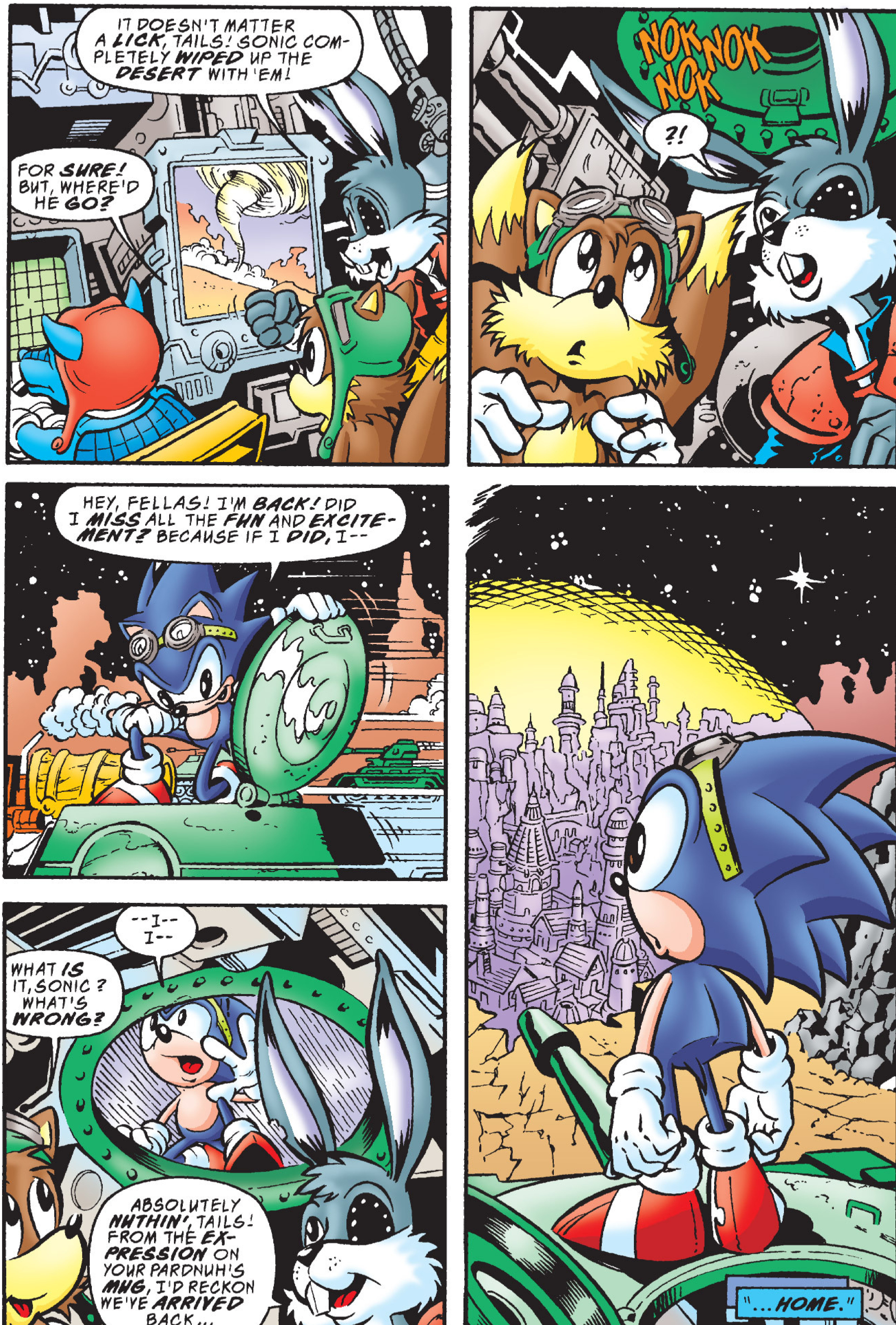

WOW! SONIC! THAT LANDING WAS ACES!
THANKS, PAL...
...BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE, WHAT'S WRONG WITH "WINGED VICTORY"*, OR WHAT WE'RE GONNA DO TO FIX IT!
*sonic's bi-plane -EDITOR
LOOK! SOMEBODY'S COMING OVER THE HORIZON! THEY MUST HAVE SEEN YOU GO DOWN!
I SURE HOPE THEY'RE--
--HLP-- FRIENDLY!
DON'T PANIC! WE'LL STAND OUR GROUND IF WE HAVE TO!
HURRY, SONIC! WE GOTTA HUSTLE!
WE DON'T GOT MUCH TIME!
HUH?!

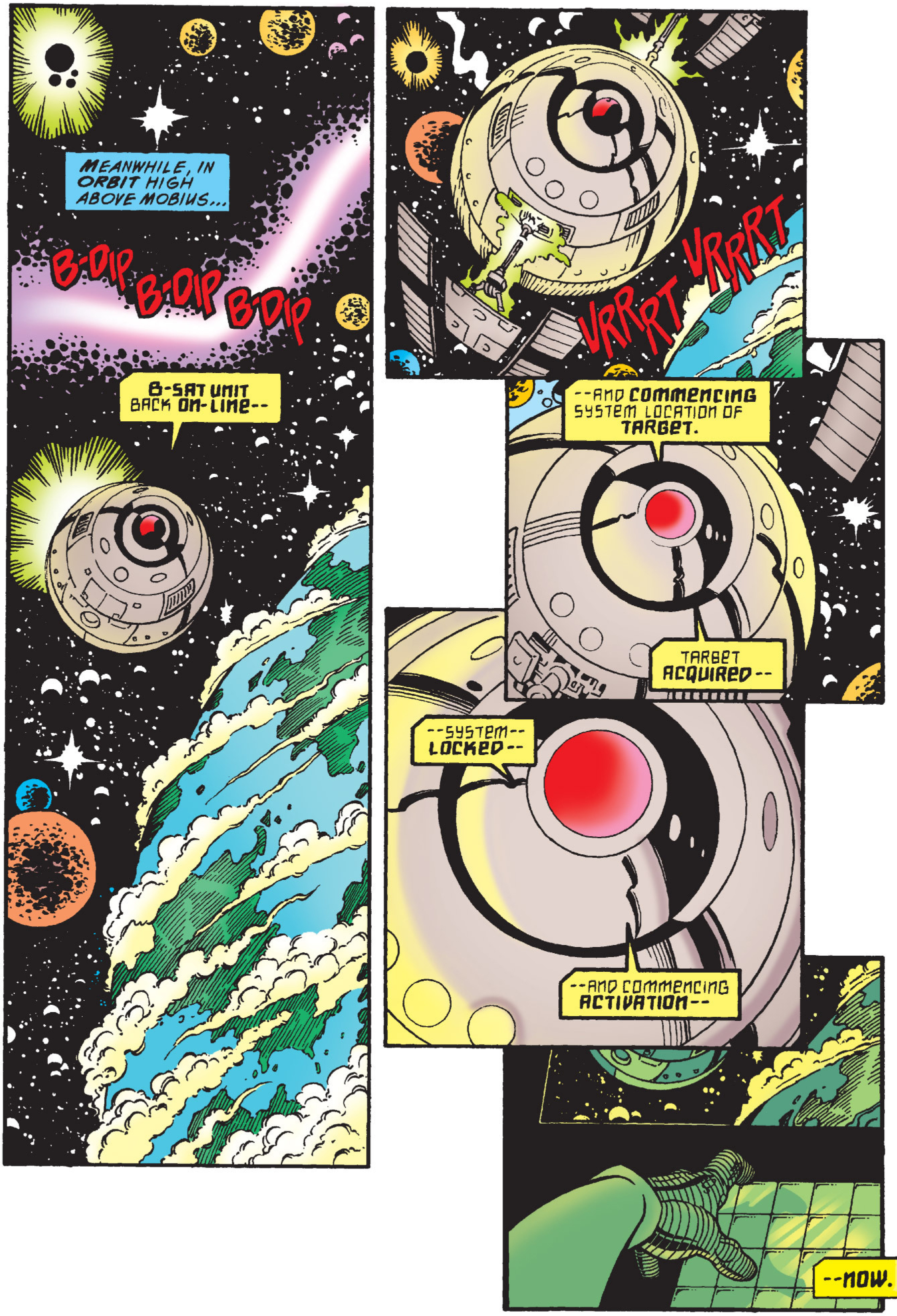

LOCATED ELSEWHERE ON PLANET MOBIUS IS THE DEVIL'S ISLAND GULAG--THUS NAMED BECAUSE OF THE RING OF NEARBY LAVA-FILLED VOLCANOES THAT SUPER-HEAT THE SURROUNDING WATERS...
...CAUSING ESCAPE FROM ITS CONFINES TO BE NEAR--
IMPOSSIBLE, I SAY! THESE BARS CANNOT KEEP ME IN! MY INTELLECT IS FAR TOO SUPERIOR!
THESE WALLS CANNOT CONTAIN ME--
BECAUSE YOUR HEAD'S TOO SWOLLEN!
HAHA!
I TELL YA, SNIVELY... I'M CONVINCED YOU WERE WASTIN' YOUR TRUE TALENTS BACK WHEN YOU WERE ROBOTNIK'S FLUNKY!
YOU SHOULDA BEEN A STAND-UP COMEDIAN INSTEAD!
MOCK ME IF YOU WILL, DRAGO! YOU WILL BE LAUGHING OUT THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR MOUTH WHEN I AM A FREE MAN AND YOU ARE NOT!
NOT ONLY HAVE I BEEN EXERCISING MY MIND, I HAVE ALSO BEEN DOING THE SAME TO MY BODY!
"I WOULD SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHAT I AM CAPABLE OF WERE WE SHARING THE SAME CELL!
"LIKE I SAID, SNIVELY... YOU'RE AN IRREGULAR LAUGH-RIOT!
HAHAHA!


ALL RIGHT, JACK! WHAT GIVES? YOU'VE TOLD ME YOUR NAME...
...BUT IT STILL DOESN' EXPLAIN HOW YOU KNOW MINE!
ARE YOU KIDDIN' ME? WHO HASN'T HEARD OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG? WHY, YOUR EXPLOITS ARE LEGENDARY 'ROUND THESE PARTS!
ROBOTNIK'S SUB-BOSSES USED TO RUN THE SHOW OUT HERE, BUT ONCE YOU BEAT THE BIG MAN HIMSELF* WE SAND-BLASTERS WERE INSPIRED TO TRY THE SAME MOVE!
WOULDN'T YOU KNOW--IT WORKED!
* SONIC Archives Vol. 13 --EDITOR
JACK! WE'VE GOT TROUBLE DEAD AHEAD!
WHAT'S HE TALKIN' ABOUT?
WAITAMINNIT! THOSE ARE... ROBIANS*..
*Roboticized Mobians. --EDITOR.
"...BUT, THEY SURE DON'T LOOK FRIENDLY!
DIDJA EVER MEET A ROBIAN WHO WAS?

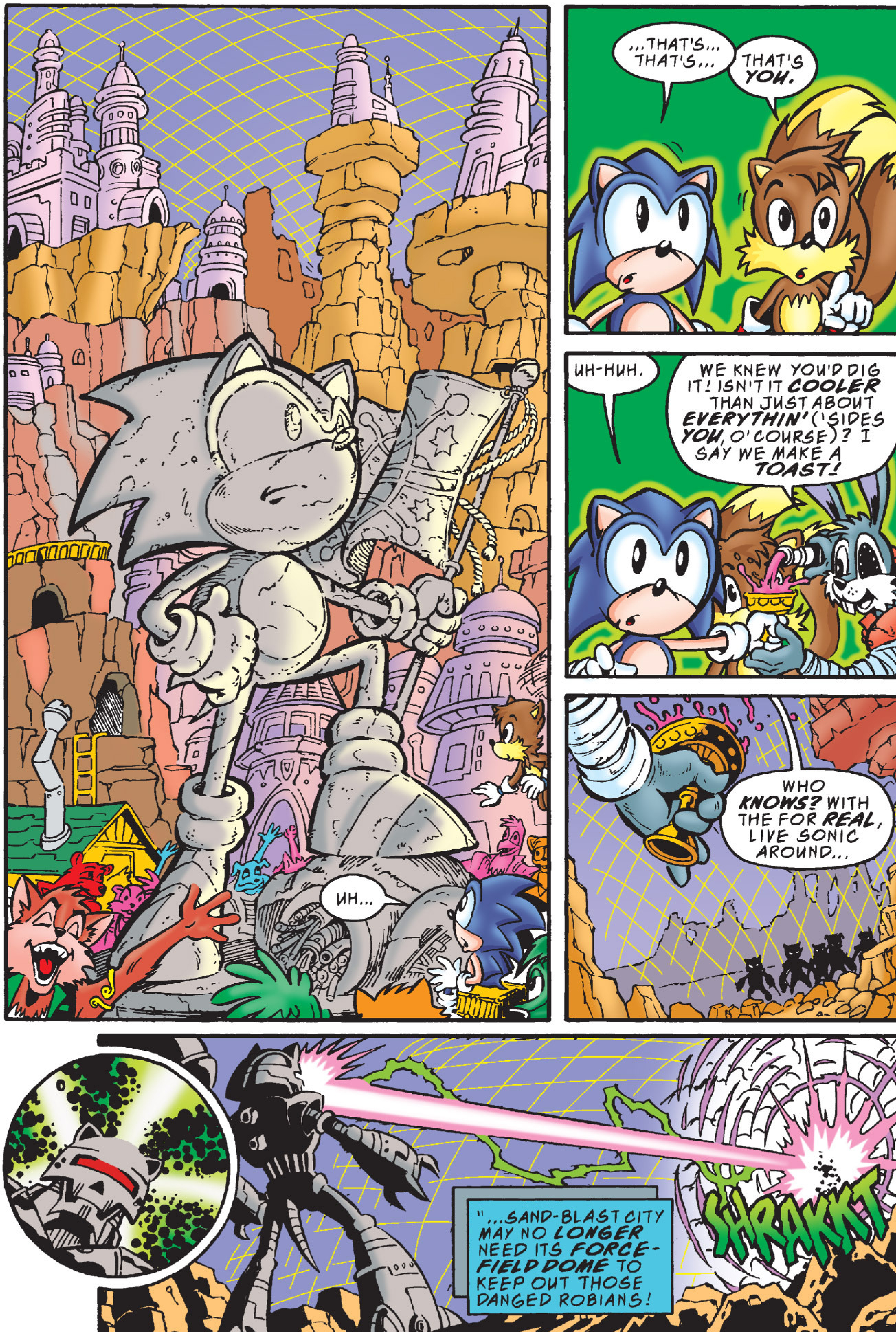

"AS A MATTER O' FACT..."
..."YEAH!"
BUT THEY SURE DON'T LOOK LIKE THAT! IT'S THEIR EYES-- WHAT'S UP WITH THE CREEPY GLOW?
*Sonic's parents, as well as his uncle, are Robians. -ED.
WHOOM
OH. I GET IT.
DAGNABBIT!
VEER RIGHT, TEAM! THEY'RE TRYIN' TO RE-ROUTE US WITH THEIR OPTI-BURSTS!

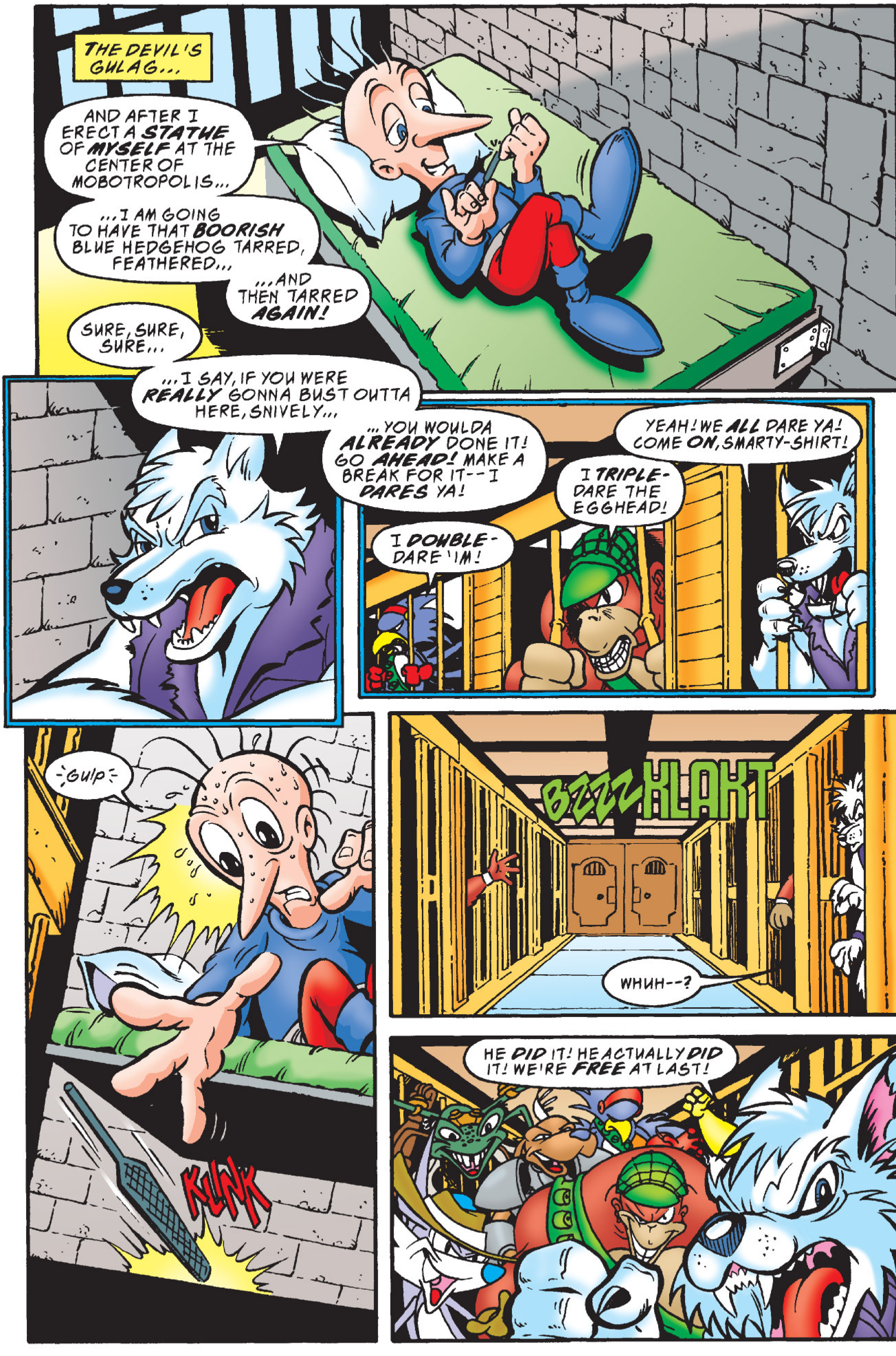

OH, YEAH?
WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT!
"I DON'T GET IT, JACK!"
"GET WHAT, TAILS?"
WELL...
...AFTER WE DEFEATED DOC ROBOTNIK, ALL OF THE ROBIANS IN MOBOTROPOLIS GOT BACK THEIR FREE WILL...
"...CAUSE WE WERE ABLE TO BREAK HIS VILLAINOUS HOLD ON THEM!
"THESE GUYS DON'T ACT LIKE THEY'RE UNDER ANYBODY'S CONTROL ANYMORE, JACK--
"--BUT THEY STILL SEEM PRETTY MINDLESS!

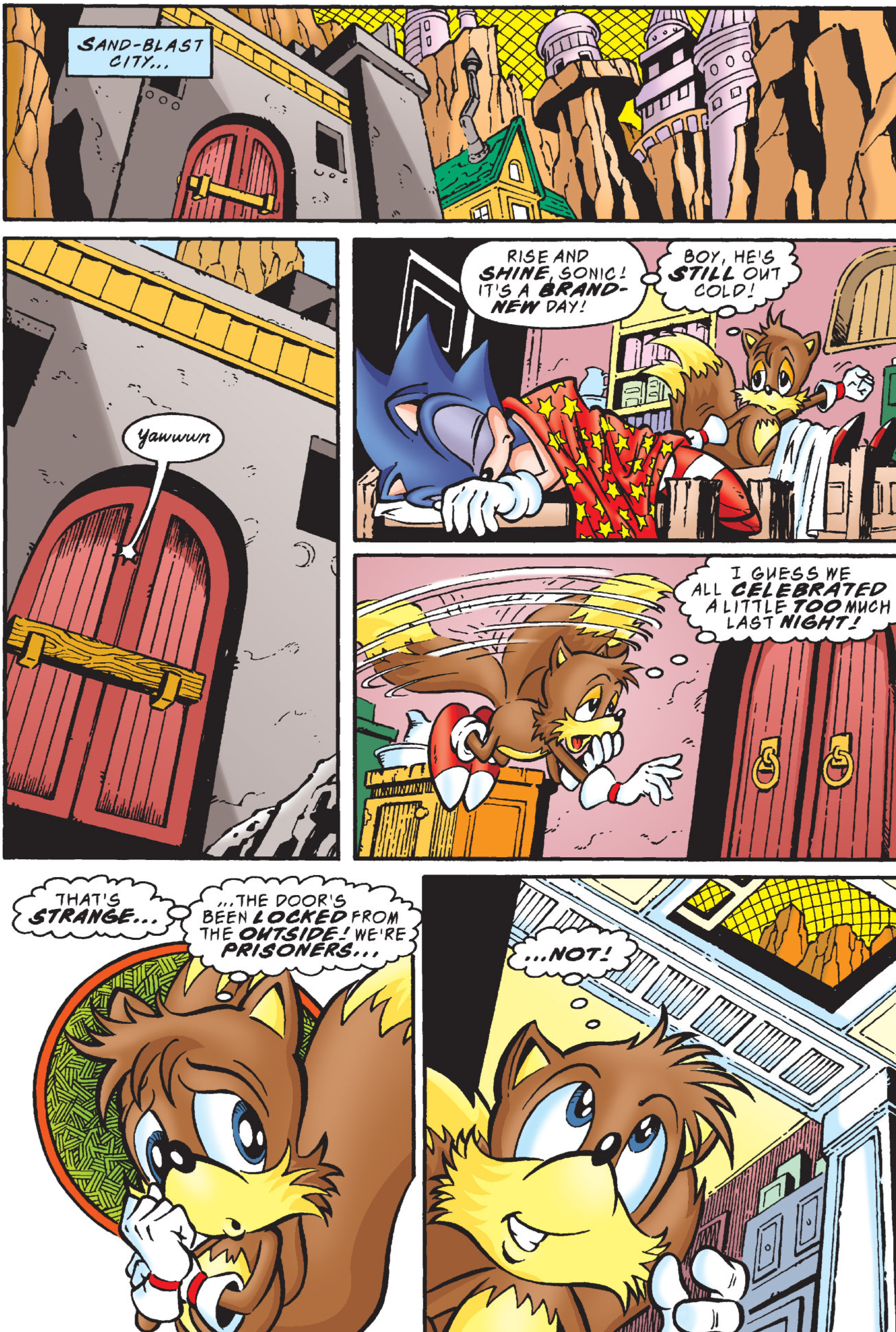

IT DOESN'T MATTER A LICK, TAILS! SONIC COMPLETELY WIPED UP THE DESERT WITH 'EM!
FOR SURE! BUT, WHERE'D HE GO?
NOK NOK NOK
?!
HEY, FELLAS! I'M BACK! DID I MISS ALL THE FUN AND EXCITEMENT? BECAUSE IF I DID, I--
--I-- I--
WHAT IS IT, SONIC? WHAT'S WRONG?
ABSOLUTELY NUTHIN', TAILS! FROM THE EXPRESSION ON YOUR PARDNUH'S MUG, I'D RECKON WE'VE ARRIVED BACK...
"...HOME."

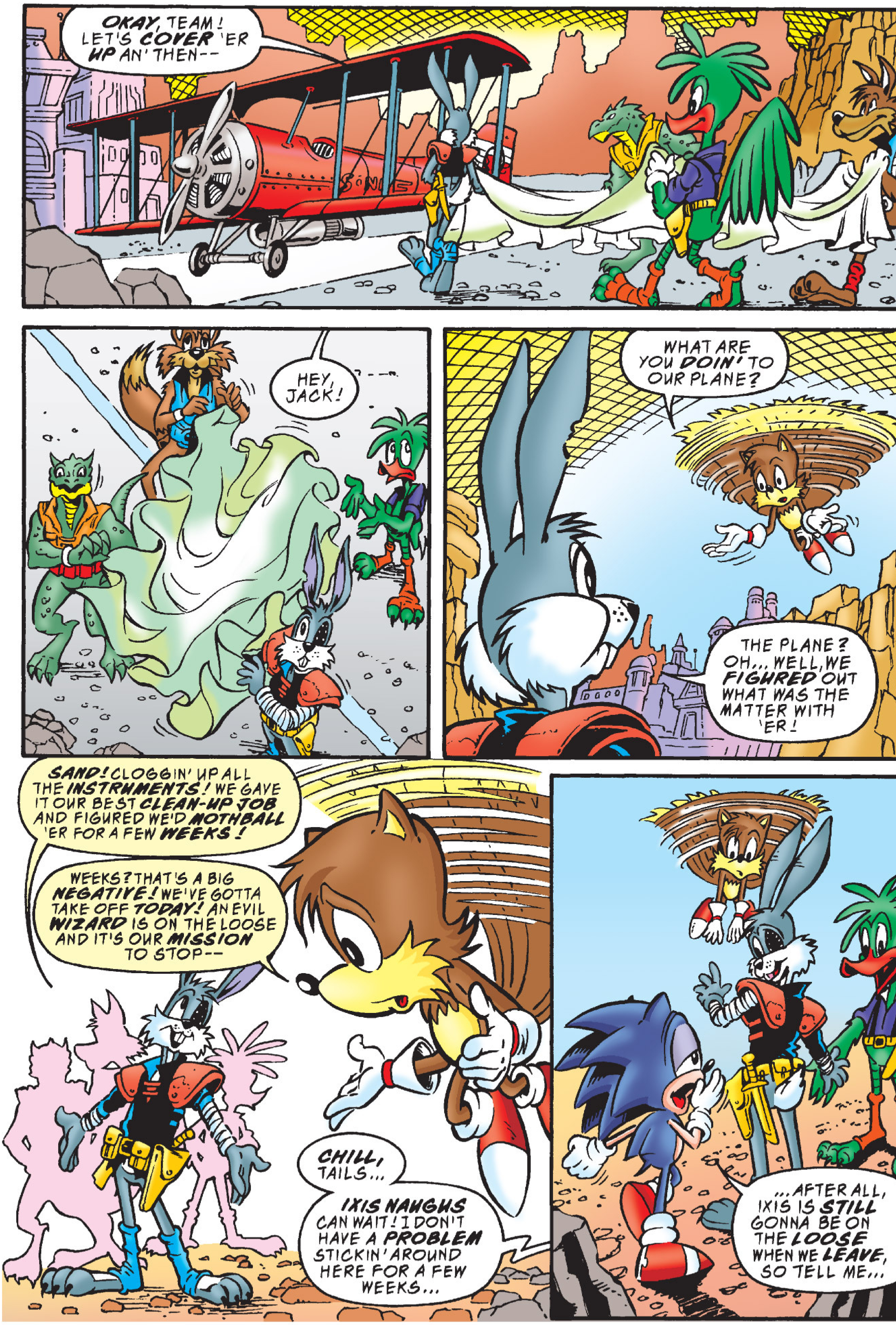

MEANWHILE, IN ORBIT HIGH ABOVE MOBIUS...
B-DIP B-DIP B-DIP
B-SAT UNIT BACK ON-LINE--
VRRRRT VRRRT
--AND COMMENCING SYSTEM LOCATION OF TARGET.
TARGET ACQUIRED--
--SYSTEM-- LOCKED--
--AND COMMENCING ACTIVATION--
--NOW.


SONIC, WE CITIZENS O' SAND-BLAST CITY...
ICON
CHAPTER 2
...ARE MIGHTY HONORED TO HAVE YOU AND TAILS AS OUR GUESTS!
AWESOME!
THANKS, FOLKS!
HURRAY, SONIC!
THREE CHEERS FOR THE HEDGEHOG!
WHAT'S THE DEAL, TAILS? WHAT'D I DO THAT WAS SO GREAT --I MEAN, BESIDES THE USUAL?
YOU GOT ME!
SAY, JACK... ARE WE HEADED TO A RITZY HOTEL OR SOMETHING?
EVEN BETTER! WE'RE HEADED TO THE MOST IMPORTANT SPOT IN TOWN!
WHOAH.


UH...
...THAT'S... THAT'S...
THAT'S YOU.
UH-HUH.
WE KNEW YOU'D DIG IT! ISN'T IT COOLER THAN JUST ABOUT EVERYTHIN' ('SIDES YOU, O'COURSE)? I SAY WE MAKE A TOAST!
WHO KNOWS? WITH THE FOR REAL, LIVE SONIC AROUND...
"...SAND-BLAST CITY MAY NO LONGER NEED ITS FORCE-FIELD DOME TO KEEP OUT THOSE DANGED ROBIANS!
SHRAKKT

THE DEVIL'S GULAG...
AND AFTER I ERECT A STATHUE OF MYSELF AT THE CENTER OF MOBOTROPOLIS...
...I AM GOING TO HAVE THAT BOORISH BLUE HEDGEHOG TARRED, FEATHERED...
...AND THEN TARRED AGAIN!
SURE, SURE, SURE...
...I SAY, IF YOU WERE REALLY GONNA BUST OUTTA HERE, SNIVELY...
...YOU WOULDA ALREADY DONE IT! GO AHEAD! MAKE A BREAK FOR IT-- I DARES YA!
YEAH! WE ALL DARE YA! COME ON, SMARTY-SHIRT!
I TRIPLE-DARE THE EGGHEAD!
I DOUBLE-DARE 'IM!
GULP
KLINK
BZZZKLAKT
WHUH--?
HE DID IT! HE ACTUALLY DID IT! WE'RE FREE AT LAST!


SAND-BLAST CITY...
Yawwwn
RISE AND SHINE, SONIC! IT'S A BRAND-NEW DAY!
BOY, HE'S STILL OUT COLD!
I GUESS WE ALL CELEBRATED A LITTLE TOO MUCH LAST NIGHT!
THAT'S STRANGE...
...THE DOOR'S BEEN LOCKED FROM THE OUTSIDE! WE'RE PRISONERS...
...NOT!



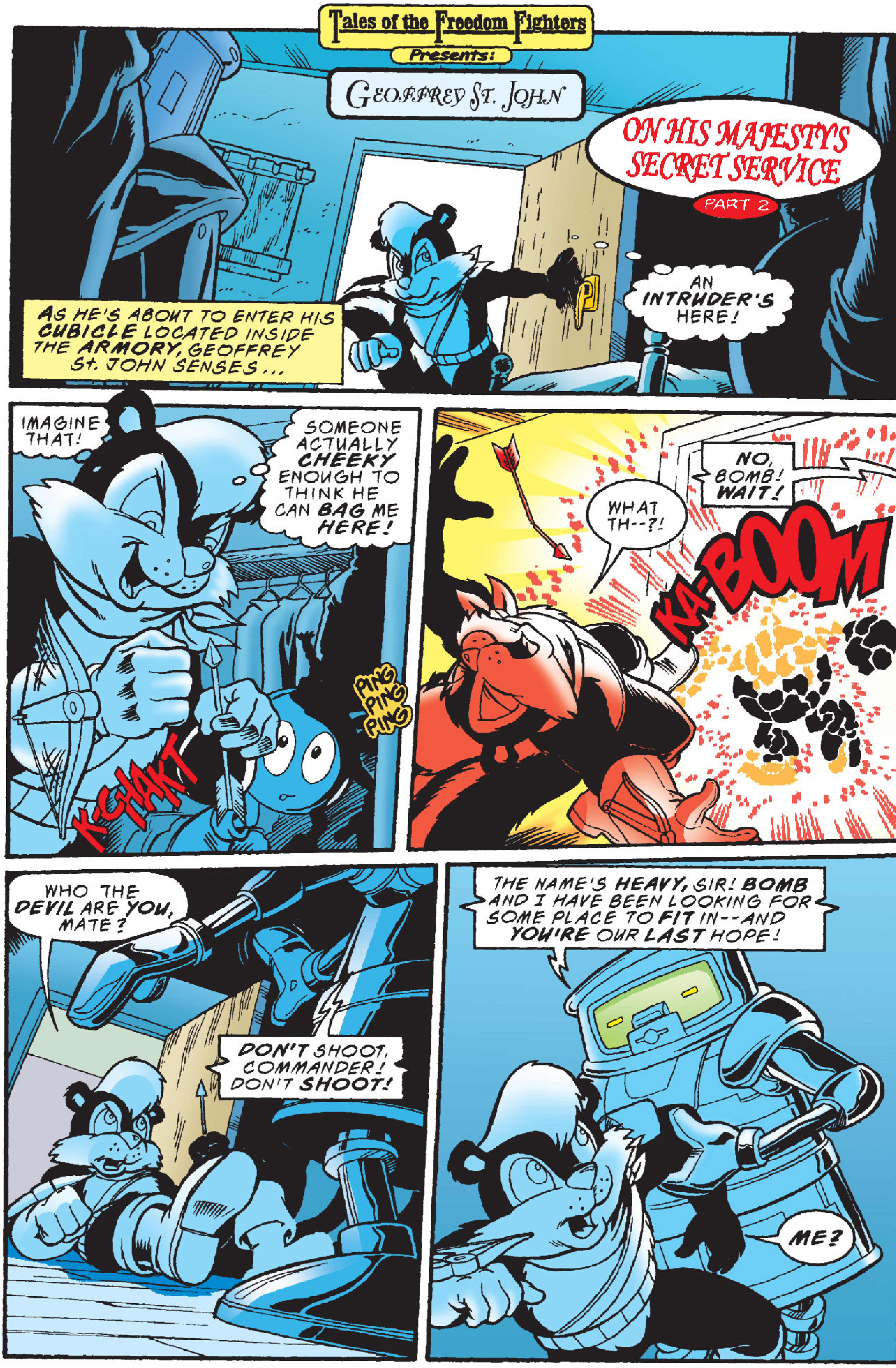
OKAY, TEAM! LET'S COVER 'ER UP AN' THEN--
HEY, JACK!
WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' TO OUR PLANE?
THE PLANE? OH... WELL, WE FIGURED OUT WHAT WAS THE MATTER WITH 'ER!
SAND! CLOGGIN' UP ALL THE INSTRUMENTS! WE GAVE IT OUR BEST CLEAN-UP JOB AND FIGURED WE'D MOTHBALL 'ER FOR A FEW WEEKS!
WEEKS? THAT'S A BIG NEGATIVE! WE'VE GOTTA TAKE OFF TODAY! AN EVIL WIZARD IS ON THE LOOSE AND IT'S OUR MISSION TO STOP--
CHILL, TAILS...
IXIS NAUGUS CAN WAIT! I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM STICKIN' AROUND HERE FOR A FEW WEEKS...
...AFTER ALL, IXIS IS STILL GONNA BE ON THE LOOSE WHEN WE LEAVE, SO TELL ME...


"...WHAT'S THE PROBLEMO?"
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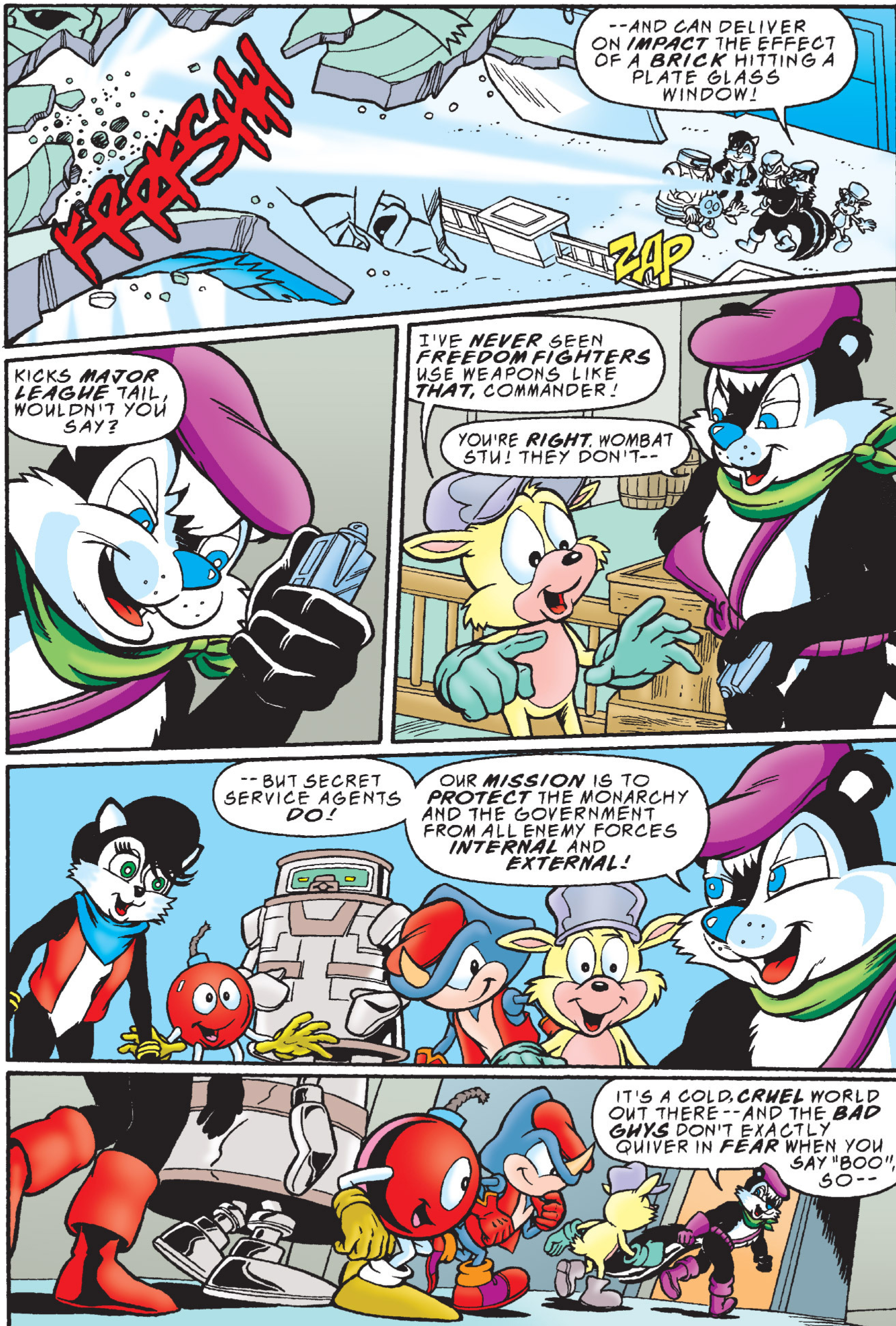
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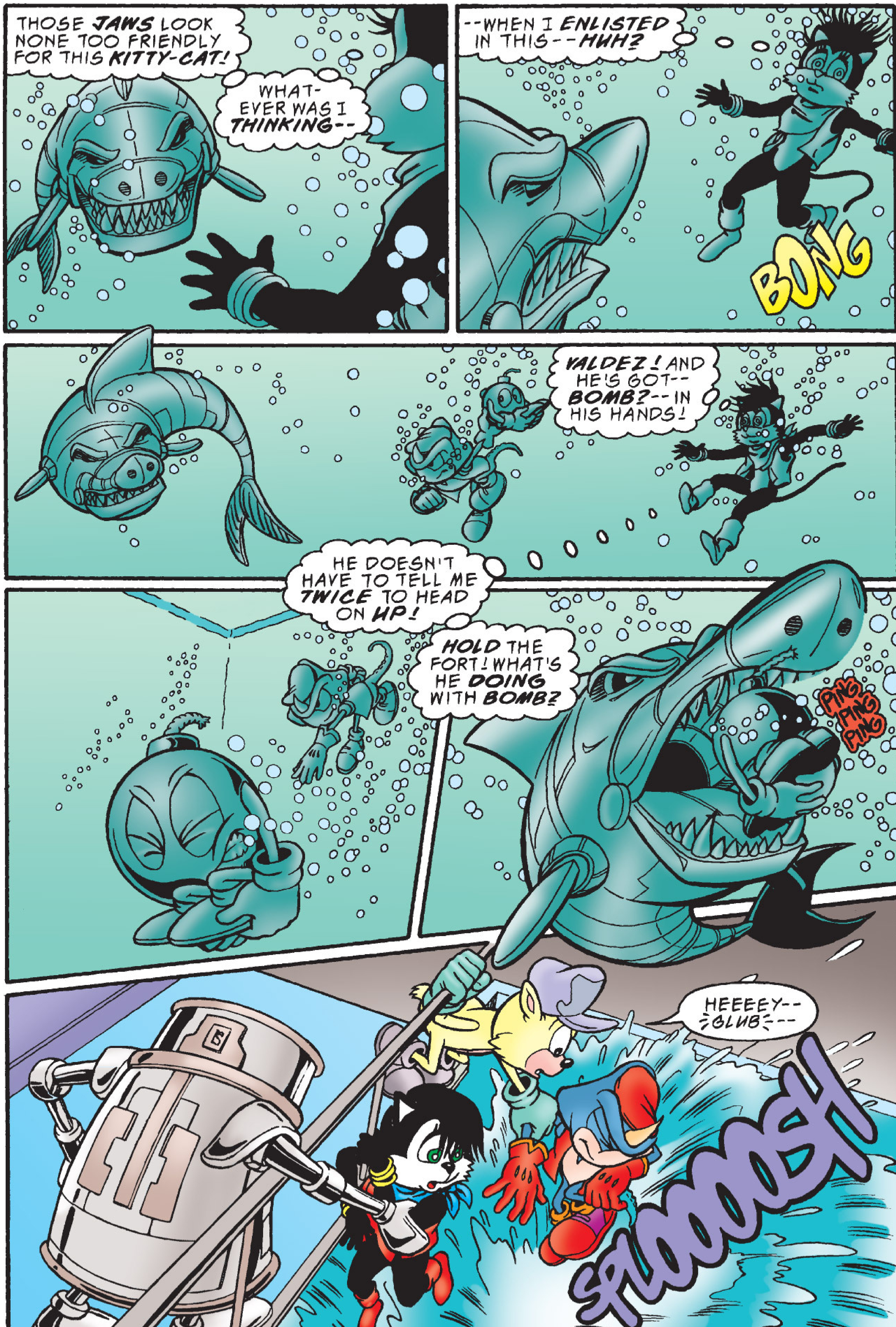


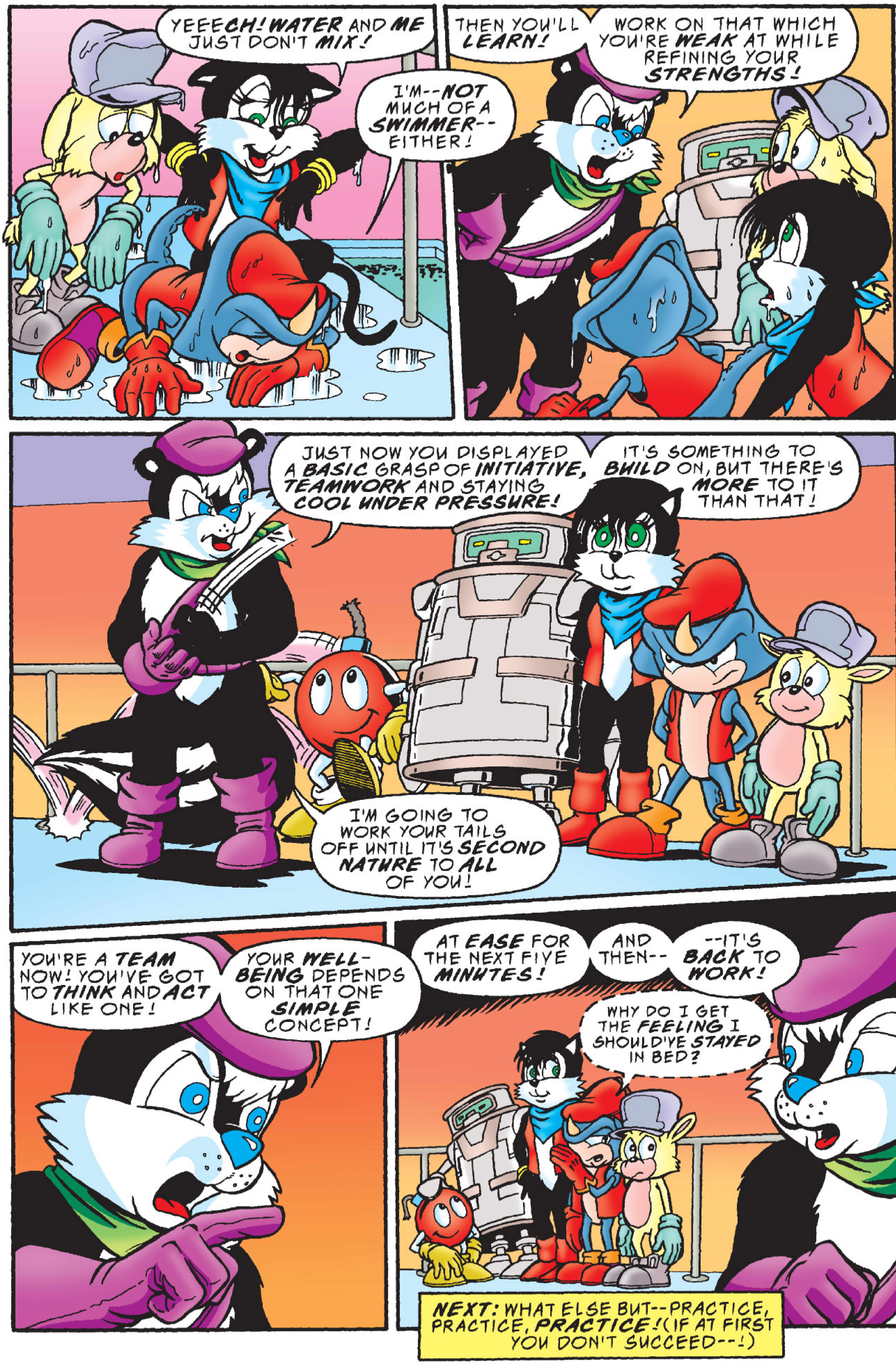
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GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE
PART 2
AS HE'S ABOUT TO ENTER HIS CUBICLE LOCATED INSIDE THE ARMORY, GEOFFREY St. JOHN SENSES...
AN INTRUDER'S HERE!
IMAGINE THAT!
SOMEONE ACTUALLY CHEEKY ENOUGH TO THINK HE CAN BAG ME HERE!
K-CHAKT
PING PING PING
NO, BOMB! WAIT!
WHAT TH--?!
KA-BOOM
WHO THE DEVIL ARE YOU, MATE?
DON'T SHOOT, COMMANDER! DON'T SHOOT!
THE NAME'S HEAVY, SIR! BOMB AND I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOME PLACE TO FIT IN--AND YOU'RE OUR LAST HOPE!
ME?


WHEN YOU'RE A CYBERNETIC DRONE, SIR, YOU CAN TAP INTO ANY DATA-BASE--
--AND DOCTOR ROBOTNIK DID HIS BEST TO KEEP TABS ON YOU!
"OH, BOMB! HE'S PERFECTLY FINE! HE JUST TRANSFERRED HIS ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAMMING TO ANOTHER SHELL--READY TO GO UNTIL HE BLOWS!"
I GUESS I COULD USE SOMEONE WITH YOUR SKILLS, BUT YOUR FRIEND HERE--!
"IN THAT CASE, BRING YOUR MATE AND DON'T BE LATE! TOMORROW YOU BEGIN!
SEE THIS?
IT'S A BUFFALO THREE-NINETY-SEVEN! IT'S LIGHTWEIGHT, FITS COMFORTABLY IN YOUR HAND, UTILIZES A DOUBLE-A POWER CELL, HAS AN AUTOMATIC TARGETING SIGHT-O-SCOPE--
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KRRASSH
--AND CAN DELIVER ON IMPACT THE EFFECT OF A BRICK HITTING A PLATE GLASS WINDOW!
ZAP
KICKS MAJOR LEAGUE TAIL, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?
I'VE NEVER SEEN FREEDOM FIGHTERS USE WEAPONS LIKE THAT, COMMANDER!
YOU'RE RIGHT, WOMBAT STU! THEY DON'T--
--BUT SECRET SERVICE AGENTS DO!
OUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT THE MONARCHY AND THE GOVERNMENT FROM ALL ENEMY FORCES INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL!
IT'S A COLD, CRUEL WORLD OUT THERE--AND THE BAD GUYS DON'T EXACTLY QUIVER IN FEAR WHEN YOU SAY "BOO", SO--


--YOU'RE GOING TO TRAIN IN EVERY METHOD OF ARMED AND UNARMED COMBAT!
THIS IS NECESSARY PREPARATION NOT ONLY IN PREPARING YOU TO ENGAGE THE ENEMY-- BUT ENSURE YOUR SURVIVAL AS WELL!
WE'LL START WITH YOU, HERSHEY!
SWING
INTO THE DRINK YOU GO, GIRL!
WAIT!
SPLAASH
NOBODY SAID ANYTHING ABOUT WATER!
UH-OH!


THOSE JAWS LOOK NONE TOO FRIENDLY FOR THIS KITTY-CAT!
WHAT-EVER WAS I THINKING--
--WHEN I ENLISTED IN THIS--HUH?
BONG
VALDEZ! AND HE'S GOT--BOMB?--IN HIS HANDS!
HE DOESN'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE TO HEAD ON UP!
HOLD THE FORT! WHAT'S HE DOING WITH BOMB?
PING PING PING
HEEEEY--GLUB---
SPLOOOOSH


YEEECH! WATER AND ME JUST DON'T MIX!
I'M--NOT MUCH OF A SWIMMER--EITHER!
THEN YOU'LL LEARN!
WORK ON THAT WHICH YOU'RE WEAK AT WHILE REFINING YOUR STRENGTHS!
JUST NOW YOU DISPLAYED A BASIC GRASP OF INITIATIVE, TEAMWORK AND STAYING COOL UNDER PRESSURE!
IT'S SOMETHING TO BUILD ON, BUT THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT!
I'M GOING TO WORK YOUR TAILS OFF UNTIL IT'S SECOND NATURE TO ALL OF YOU!
YOU'RE A TEAM NOW! YOU'VE GOT TO THINK AND ACT LIKE ONE!
YOUR WELL-BEING DEPENDS ON THAT ONE SIMPLE CONCEPT!
AT EASE FOR THE NEXT FIVE MINUTES!
AND THEN--
--IT'S BACK TO WORK!
WHY DO I GET THE FEELING I SHOULD'VE STAYED IN BED?
NEXT: WHAT ELSE BUT--PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE! (IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED--!)